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**MEETING**  
**JULY**  
**10TH !**



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# VOLUME 35      JULY 1992 FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

BE SURE TO MAKE NOTE OF THE MEETING  
DATE CHANGE FOR JULY.... IT WILL BE  
THE 10TH AND NOT THE 3RD, DUE TO  
THE HOLIDAY PERIOD OF JULY 4TH!  
TIL NEXT MONTH, 73 DE YOUR EDITOR.

## SPEAKER OF THE MONTH

W6ZRJ

W6VZT

DOC GMELIN & AL GAETANO IN THEIR  
FAMOUS DOG-&-PONY SHOW!

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DE ANDY VE3FZK, PAARA PROGRAM  
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# **PRESIDENT'S CORNER DE GERRY WA6LNV**



FIELD DAY IS UPON US (AND MAY BE OVER BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS). MAYBE THE PAARA FIELD DAY EFFORT IS A GOOD EMERGENCY SIMULATION SINCE THE PREDOMINANT THEME IS CHAOS TRYING TO GET ORGANIZED. THANKS TO OUR PATRONS, MR & MRS CARL SCHOUFF, WE WILL ONCE AGAIN LOCATE ON THE END OF BAY ROAD WHICH SEEMS TO BE A WONDERFUL LAUNCHING SITE FOR INTERSTELLAR COMMUNICATIONS. IF THAT STUDY PROJECT EVER DETECTS SEMI-INTELLIGENT LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE IT WILL PROBABLY BE DUE TO MILLIONS OF LITTLE ALIENS ACCIDENTALLY BEAMING THEIR FIELD DAY CONTRIBUTION OUR WAY. PERHAPS AT SOME PREARRANGED TIME AT FIELD DAY EVERYONE COULD TURN THEIR ANTENNAS MORE OR LESS TOWARD THE BIG DIPPER & SYNCHRONIZE TO WWV. WE COULD ISSUE ONE MINUTE OF CQ'S INTO SPACE. WOULDN'T THAT MAKE SOME LITTLE ALIEN SCIENTIST HAPPY IN 50 OR 100 YEARS?

PAUL N6FEG, MYSELF, AND POSSIBLY LARS A6GIW MAY BE SHOWING OFF OUR TRAILER-MOUNTED TOWERS AT FIELD DAY SO BE SURE TO SHOW UP FOR A LOOK-SEE !

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT - PAARA MAY HAVE TO MAKE SOME ADJUSTMENTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE SINCE THE MENLO PARK REC CENTER MAY NO LONGER BE A SURE THING FOR A MEETING PLACE. JULY 10 -- YES, NOT THE 3RD -- HAS BEEN AGREED UPON, BUT FUTURE RIDAY MEETINGS MAY BE IN DOUBT. THE RECESSION IS STARTING TO BE FELT IN GOVERNMENT INCOME AND SOME SERVICES WILL HAVE TO BE CUT. MORE INFO AT THE NEXT MEETING. SEE YOU THEN !

DE WA6LNV



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# PAARA FIELD DAY-JA-V

## CONFESSIONS OF A CASUAL CONTESTER DE W6ISQ

If it's June, can Field Day be far behind?

In June every year, I think of a telephone call I had from the late, great contesteer Cam Pierce, K6RU the night before a Field Day many years ago.

As many of you know, Cam was the father of big multi-multi contest operations, at least here on the west coast. You might remember his photo on the cover of QST sitting on the 100 foot boom (on the ground) for his new contest 40 meter antenna. It was two 50 foot towers bolted together back-to-back. This was at a time when 40 meter beams of any kind were still scarce. He built his contest station on an avocado Ranch in Fallbrook, south of Los Angeles, and when he moved to Hawaii, he sold ranch and station to Dale Hoppe, K6UA. When Cam returned from Hawaii, he spent a few years in Southern California, and then came back to his roots in the Bay Area. He had grown up in San Mateo and studied electrical engineering at Stanford. In the big pre-war radio contest days, Cam and Mike Villard, W6QYT, managed the Stanford Radio Club station W6YX. Cam was the operator and Mike was the chief engineer, keeping the equipment functioning.

So I got this phone call on the eve of Field Day soon after Cam got settled in a new house in Portola Valley. In a very plaintive voice Cam said, "do you know what day tomorrow is?"

I thought, what's he talking about? Is he kidding? Can't be sure so I'll give him a semi-straight answer. "Lessee, gotta be a Saturday. I dunno. What day is it?"

In a quavering voice Cam says, "It's Field Day."

Ohhhhhh, to be sure. Gee I forgot. You going to go mobile or something and work a few?

"I don't have any place to go. I used to organize the Honolulu ARC operation and we won all the time. But I

(FROM NCCC "JUG" --- THE AUTHOR KNOWS WELL TH  
FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE PAARA FIELD DAY

# U QST DE JACK W6ISQ

don't know anybody up here. You know where I could find a FD operation?"

"Sure. Palo Alto ARA has an active group. Why don't you call Fred Canham, K6YT?" and I gave him Fred's number.

Half hour later another call from Cam. The plaintiff mode had changed to joy. "He wants me!"

Next day I went to the Field Day site. There was Cam with a wide grin, still under his big pair of ear-phones, pounding brass after an all night stint. He didn't stop even to say, "hi". He just kept smiling and logging. A little while later, Cam set down the phones and we chatted briefly. "Say, there are a lot of pretty good operators here. I think we could make this club a real winner."

Cam was deaf, very nearly on one side and almost on the other. You had to sit on the best side to be heard at all. But give him a pair of headphones and he could copy CW ESP stuff. However, he would never even go into a Field Day phone tent, never mind using a mike. Undignified.

Sunday night Cam called. He and Fred had had some serious discussion and decided that Fred would rework all radio equipment, cabling, etc. etc. while Cam would develop a band operating plan, build filters, redesign and rebuild all monoband antennas. They also decided that between them they would have things so well planned that they would have to win next Field Day in their chosen category.

And they did! For many years PAARA was absolutely tops in their category. As they unloaded antennas in Cam's back yard the day after every FD, Cam and Fred would begin planning changes for the next year.

NCCCer Fred, K6YT, still carries on for PAARA on FD. I'll bet he'd be thrilled to hear from someone who would like to take over Cam's tour of all-night duty on CW.



CAM'S PARTNER, K6YT

AT OF WHICH HE SPEAKS AND WE THANK HIM  
LEGACY! -ED.)

# QST DE GEORGE K6OG VIA FRED K6YT W6USE/SK

LOLA KAIDER W6USE, EXTRA CLASS, DIED OF LUNG CANCER APRIL 6. THERE WAS NO SERVICE AND LITTLE PUBLICITY. LOLA WAS EDITOR OF PAARAGRAPHS AND WAS WELL KNOWN IN THE LATE 1950'S BY THE OLD TIME MEMBERS. HER HUSBAND STEVE KAIDER K6TV, SILENT KEY IN 1988 WAS A MEMBER OF PAARA AND CAME TO OUR MEETINGS FOR MANY YEARS. STEVE STARTED HIS RADIO CAREER BACK IN THE DAYS WHEN IT WAS CALLED "WIRELESS". THE 1921 CALLBOOK SHOWS 1B6Y (NO PREFIX LETTERS) ISSUED TO STEPHEN J. KAIDER, FALL BROOK, MASS. STEVE GOT HIS LICENSE AS RADIO OPERATOR COMMERCIAL FIRST CLASS IN 1927 (HERBERT HOOVER, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE) AND QUICKLY LANDED A JOB ON THE S.S. COMUS. HE PURSUED THIS CAREER FOR MOST OF THE REMAINDER OF HIS LIFE. SOME TIME IN THE '30S HE CAME TO SAN FRANCISCO AND MET LOLA. TO HEAR LOLA TELL IT, STEVE HAD A FINE CAMERA, LOLA HAD A DARKROOM, -- IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT. AFTER THEY WERE MARRIED STEVE CONTINUED HIS CAREER AT SEA AND LATER WAS PERMITTED TO OPERATE "MARITIME MOBILE". LOLA GOT A NOVICE LICENSE W6USE AND THEN COULD TALK WITH STEVE AT SEA USING CW. STEVE WOULD TALK WITH LOLA, ALWAYS SENDING SLIGHTLY FASTER THAN LOLA COULD RECEIVE UNTIL LOLA GOT HER CODE SPEED UP TO 35-40 WPM.

LOLA WAS AN ARDENT FEMINIST AND HER HACKLES RAISED AT THE SLIGHTEST SUGGESTION THAT WOMEN WERE INFERIOR, IN ANY WAY, WITH THAT OTHER SEX. ONE OF THE MORE GRIEVOUS INSULTS CAME AT A RADIO CLUB MEETING WHERE PLANS FOR FIELD DAY WERE BEING DISCUSSED. SOME UNENLIGHTENED MALE HAD THE AUDACITY TO SUGGEST THAT LOLA COULD CONTRIBUTE BEST AS FOOD CHAIRMAN. THE F.D. COMMITTEE QUICKLY LEARNED WHAT THEY COULD DO WITH THAT SUGGESTION.

LOLA COULD BE COMBATIVE, ARGUMENTATIVE, AND TESTY AS HER HOST OF LOYAL FRIENDS WILL ADMIT. WE WILL MISS HER.

K6OG



# INFO DE STEVE K6FS

THE ARRL HAS PRODUCED A NEW PAMPHLET AS SHOWN BELOW WITH AN EMPHASIS ON ELECTRONIC INTERFERENCE AND ASPECTS THEREOF. IT IS AVAILABLE FROM THE LEAGUE IN SINGLE COPIES OR IN BUNCHES.... SO CONTACT THE NEWINGTONIANS AT: ARRL, RFI DESK, 225 MAIN ST., NEWINGTON, CT 06111. - DE STEVE K6FS

## What to do if you have an electronic interference



This is a self-help pamphlet for the consumer published by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL).

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What Causes Interference?

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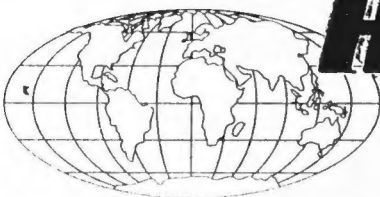
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# QST DE KEN KB6BPM

First off, I apologize to all of my fellow hams at PAARA for the delay in establishing contact with the Association. Alas, things have been rather busy for me during the past year. I graduated in May of 1991 from Pomona College with a B.A. degree, Cum Laude, in German Studies. After an exhaustive and exhausting job search which took me into such fields as computer-aided foreign language instruction and corporate law, I have finally landed a 'real job' as a systems analyst in the MIS department at Atlantic Richfield (ARCO) headquarters in downtown Los Angeles. Also, I am engaged to be married on October 3 (the YL is working on getting her ticket!).

Unfortunately, I have had little time to be "radio active" since I resigned my post as the President of the Claremont Colleges Amateur Radio Club last year. I recall with great fondness my involvement with PAARA, especially my service as phone and CW captains for Field Days of years past. I fully intend to join the local radio club and get back into my emergency services volunteer activities as soon as possible.

If anyone should wish to drop me a note, my new address is below:

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(KEN'S ROAD HAS BEEN A LONG AND EXCITING ONE  
AND WE ALWAYS KNEW HE WOULD BE A SUCCESS IN  
HIS ACADEMIC AND OTHER ENDEAVORS. GOOD TO  
HEAR FROM OUR FRIEND AND EMERITUS EDITOR  
AGAIN! -ED.)